

Elementary School (Fullerton School District), Blandford Elementary School (Rowland Unified School District), Buena Terra Elementary School (Centralia Elementary School District), George B. Miller Elementary School (Centralia Elementary School District), Golden Elementary School (Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District), Killian Elementary School (Rowland Unified School District), Laguna Road Elementary School (Fullerton School District), Mesa Robles School (Hacienda La Puente Unified School District), Robert C. Fisler School (Fullerton School District), and Wedgeworth Elementary School (Hacienda La Puente Unified School District).

As California Distinguished Schools, these institutions set the standard for an immersive educational climate bound by a student-driven learning philosophy. Exceptional student achievement in each school is a testament to the efforts made by educators to realign pedagogical practices to allow for student empowerment and engagement. This relies on a comprehensive platform that supplements the breadth of academic rigor with collaboration and social support. Through programs ranging from dual immersion to positive behavior intervention, these schools reconcile differences in theory and praxis to close achievement gaps and instill traits vital to academic success. What results is a seamless integration between teacher guidance and student participation. It is this attunement to the holistic well-being of each student that sets Distinguished Schools apart.

As a strong believer in education and its life-changing advantages, there is nothing more pleasing than knowing that the community I serve is paving a brighter road for the academic future of California's youth. I am proud of the tireless efforts made by parents, teachers, administrators, and staff to advance a scholastic agenda that rewards integrated educational experiences. Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my honorable colleagues join me in congratulating these ten California Distinguished Schools for this tremendous achievement in the world of education. I am wholeheartedly assured in their ability to guide and leave a lasting impact on the students of California's 39th District.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL (LTC) RYAN NENANBER

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Ryan Nenamber for his retirement from the United States Army after over 20 years of service.

LTC Nenamber's record of service with the U.S. Army is truly outstanding. He began his career in 2000 when he was stationed in Ft. Wainwright, Alaska and served as an Anti-Tank Platoon Leader, Rifle Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Battalion Assistant Operations Officer. LTC Nenamber then served as a Special Forces Operational Detachment ALPHA Commander and an Advanced Operational Base Executive Officer in Fort Lewis, Washington. He spent time teaching our next generation of servicemembers at

the U.S. Military Academy, and then was assigned to the U.S. Army North as a Strategic Intelligence Officer. LTC Nenamber has been deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, and multiple locations in Asia. Currently, LTC Nenamber is the Chief of the Functional Training Branch at the United States Army Intelligence Center of Excellence.

I want to specifically recognize LTC Nenamber's leadership when he commanded an Operational Detachment ALPHA team that captured the leaders of an Al-Qaeda affiliated cell north of Baghdad, Iraq that used young boys as suicide bombers. Through their brave actions, LTC Nenamber and his team saved countless young boys—many thought to be orphans—from certain death, and prevented the execution of many disastrous suicide bombings.

Originally from Belle Fourche, LTC Nenamber is a native South Dakotan and I am proud to have such an exceptional servicemember call South Dakota home. Our state and country are better because of citizens like him. I thank LTC Nenamber and his family for their tremendous sacrifice, and I extend my deepest congratulations for his retirement.

COMMEMORATING JOE BURROW WINNING THE 2019 HEISMAN MEMORIAL TROPHY

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Louisiana State University's quarterback, Joe Burrow, for winning the Heisman Memorial Trophy. As the most prestigious award in college football, this honor is afforded to the most outstanding player who has exhibited excellence and integrity both on and off the field. Through hard work and dedication, Joe has exemplified these qualities, and there is no other college athlete more deserving of this award.

On December 14, 2019, Joe became the first LSU player since Billy Cannon to win the Heisman, shattering previous voting records and receiving the highest percentage of first place votes. Breaking national and SEC records, Joe passed for 4,715 yards and 48 touchdowns during the regular season, completing a college football record 77.9 percent of his passes. Joe's historic season led LSU to its first SEC Championship since 2011 and a berth in the College Football Playoff.

Originally from Athens, Ohio, Joe Burrow was given the opportunity to play football at LSU by head coach Ed Orgeron. Seizing this opportunity, Joe transformed the LSU offense and overall attitude of the team. His leadership on and off the field has made Louisiana proud, and we are forever grateful for his time at LSU. On behalf of Tiger fans in Louisiana and across the nation, and as a proud LSU alumnus, I again congratulate Joe on winning the Heisman Trophy, and officially recognize him as an adopted Louisianan. Geaux Tigers.

IOWAN OF THE WEEK—DR. MIKE WELLS

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Dr. Mike Wells, Superintendent for the Hamburg Community School District for his effort to create a unique and engaging learning environment for K–8 students in the Hamburg Makerspace Program.

The Makerspace Program and Farm School serving elementary and middle school students in Hamburg, IA has been a major hit with both students and community members. Students have the opportunity to experience immersive learning environments where they gain hands on experience in a number of areas including: embroidery, wood working, culinary arts, screen printing, video game design with virtual reality, book making and so many other amazing programs each Friday for nine weeks.

I had the opportunity to see these students at work, building a house for a family in their community that was hit by devastating flooding in the Spring of 2019. The plan is for a new home to be built each year moving forward and sold to a local family at a below market rate. Dr. Wells brings an amazing learning opportunity for his students and is using it to lift up our community.

Dr. Wells has created an expectation in Hamburg Community Schools where students lead projects and obtain valuable, hands on experience. This includes The Farm School, started up in 2016, which is an effort to introduce hands on, agricultural education experiences through a functioning small farm on school property. This endeavor includes a garden, green house, poultry, and livestock. The students supply the local food pantry fresh produce and eggs year-round. Dr. Wells has made the school the center of the community and is a source of pride and learning for all residents of Hamburg, IA.

It is an honor to commemorate the outstanding achievement of Dr. Wells and his staff in the Hamburg Community School District. I have great respect and admiration for our educators and am particularly thankful for the strong foundation they are giving our kids. As the mother of two boys, I know that a quality education is crucial to success. I hope the well-rounded training and techniques they found successful in the classroom becomes a model for other districts and the country as a whole.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. IVERY DWIGHT CLIFTON

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Ivery Dwight Clifton of Winterville, Georgia, who passed away on January 1, 2020.

Dr. Clifton was born on April 6, 1943, in Oliver, Georgia, to B.J. Clifton and Rosetta Benjamin Clifton. From the beginning, farming was